REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-11, 14, 16-18, 21, 23, 26, 27, 30, 32-41, 45, 49, 51-53, and 58-60 are presented in the present application. All claims have been allowed. Applicants have canceled those claims which stand rejected as identified in the Advisory Action, and in particular claims 42-44, 54-57, 61, 62 and 64-66.

Because all the claims currently in the instant application stand allowed, Applicants respectfully request that Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-11, 14, 16-18, 21, 23, 26, 27, 30, 32-41, 45, 49, 51-53, and 58-60.

If Examiner has any questions regarding the above or if there are any additional issues, Examiner is requested to contact Applicants attorney at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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